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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of flattening a perfume-release profile from a heated-wick perfume composition-dispensing device comprising two or more perfume modules comprising at least a first and second reservoir containing a perfume composition, and at least a first and second wick in fluid communication with the perfume composition,

comprising:

a1) applying heat to the first wick to achieve a wick temperature sufficient to increase the rate of volatilization of at least one component of the perfume composition;

b1) reducing the heat applied to the first wick to achieve a wick temperature sufficient to decrease the rate of volatilization of the at least one component of the perfume composition;

c1) maintaining the reduced heat for a time sufficient to allow for back-flow of at least one component of the perfume composition, the time being greater than 15 minutes to about 48 hours;

a2) automatically applying heat to the second wick to increase volatilization of at least one component of the second perfume composition;

b2) reducing the heat applied to the second wick to a temperature sufficient to decrease volatilization of the at least one component of the second perfume composition;

c2) maintaining the reduced heat applied to the second wick for a time sufficient to allow for back-flow of at least one component of the second perfume composition the time being greater than 15 minutes to about 48 hours;

and

repeating a1); and

repeating a2).

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the wick temperature sufficient to increase the rate of volatilization of at least one component of the perfume composition is greater than or equal to about 40°C.

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3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the wick temperature sufficient to increase the rate of volatilization of at least one component of the perfume composition is greater than or equal to about 60°C.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the wick temperature sufficient to increase the rate of volatilization of at least one component of the perfume composition is greater than or equal to about 80°C.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the wick temperature sufficient to decrease the rate of volatilization of the at least one component of the perfume composition is less than or equal to about 40°C.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the difference between wick temperatures at a) and c) is from about 10 °C to about 100 °C.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the difference between wick temperatures at a) and c) is from about 20 °C to about 80 °C.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the difference between wick temperatures at a) and c) is from about 40 °C to about 60 °C.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9-1, wherein the time sufficient to allow for back-flow of all or a portion of the components of the perfume composition is from about 17 minutes to about 72 minutes.
11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the time sufficient to allow for back-flow of all or a portion of the components of the perfume composition is from about 20 minutes to about 60 minutes.
12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the time sufficient to allow for back-flow of all or a portion of the components of the perfume composition is about 30 minutes.
13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising, repeating b) and c).
14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein a), b), and c), are each repeated at least two times.
15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in at least one repeated heating steps, the temperature of the wick is higher than in the previous heating step.

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16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~18~~ 1, wherein performance of a1) and a2) overlaps for a period of from about 0.1% to about 100% of the duration of a1).
18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~16-1~~, wherein the performance of a1) and a2) does not overlap.
19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein there is a gap between performance of a1) and a2) for a period of from about 0.1% to about 100% of the duration of a1).
20. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the reduced heat is maintained for a time sufficient to allow for back-flow of all of the components of the perfume composition.
21. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein step a1) further comprises applying a fan to the wick for enhancing release of at least one component of the perfume composition.
22. (New) A method of flattening a perfume-release profile from a heated-wick perfume composition-dispensing device comprising:
 - a) applying heat to the wick to achieve a wick temperature sufficient to increase the rate of volatilization of at least one component of the perfume composition, wherein the increased volatilization occurs for a period of from 17 minutes to about 72 minutes;
 - b) reducing the heat to achieve a wick temperature sufficient to decrease the rate of volatilization of the at least one component of the perfume composition;
 - c) maintaining the reduced heat for a time sufficient to allow for back-flow of at least one component of the perfume composition, the time being 17 minutes to 72 minutes; and repeating a).